

BRIEFING MEMO

Maine Medical Center to Renovate P-6 Unit

DATE: September 24, 2009

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THROUGH: Catherine Cobb, Director, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services

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SUBJECT: Renovations to P-6 Medical/Geriatric Psychiatry Inpatient Unit

ISSUE ACTIVATED BY: The referenced proposal requires Certificate of Need (CON) approval as defined in "The Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002," 22 M.R.S.A. §325 et seq., as amended.

REGISTERED AFFECTED PARTIES: None

I. BACKGROUND:

- Maine Medical Center (MMC), a subsidiary of MaineHealth and located in Portland, Maine, is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation. MMC is licensed for 637 beds and 30 newborn bassinets. MMC is State-licensed and Federally-certified by the Joint Commission and is Medicare and Medicaid certified.
- In the preliminary analysis, CONU determined that the applicant satisfied review criteria and recommended that the Commissioner approve the application subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) Report on quality outcomes relative to the P6 unit for a 3-year period following the implementation of this project.
 - 2) Report annually for a 3-year period following the implementation of this P6 unit project the following: the average length of stay of patients, average number of days a patient awaits placement outside the P6 unit, and the average days a patient waits to be admitted.
 - 3) Report any cost savings associated with the collaboration with Maine Mental Health Partners for a period of three years.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Maine Medical Center (MMC) proposes renovating its P-6 Medical / Geriatric Psychiatry Inpatient Unit located at its 22 Bramhall Street, Portland, Maine campus. The renovation is

necessary to address existing space constraints, including those related to the present 4-beds-per-patient-room architecture, that are significant barriers to patients' access to care and safe mobility for patients, staff and visitors. The project also involves activating 4 licensed beds. Currently the average wait time for patients to be admitted to the unit is 17-30 days.

III. HIGHLIGHTS:

Letter of Intent filed:	December 11, 2008
Technical assistance meeting held:	January 8, 2009
CON application filed:	March 20, 2009
CON certified as complete:	March 20, 2009
Public Information Meeting Held:	April 16, 2009
Public comment period ended:	May 18, 2009
Preliminary Analysis Released:	September 2, 2009
Public comment period ended:	September 21, 2009

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS:

Following release of the Preliminary Analysis no public comments were received.

V. APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS WITH CONU COMMENTS:

Following release of the Preliminary Analysis no additional comments were received from the applicant.

VI. CONCLUSION:

The Preliminary Analysis by CONU staff dated September 2, 2009 concluded that this application, with conditions, satisfied CONU review criteria. For all the reasons set forth in the Preliminary Analysis and in the record, CONU concludes that the review criteria have been satisfied and recommends the approval of a CON with conditions.

VII. RECOMMENDATION:

The CONU recommends this proposal be **Approved with the following conditions:**

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<u>Capital Costs</u>	
\$ 5,136,500	Capital costs as Approved
\$ 0	Contingency
<u>\$ 5,136,500</u>	Total Approved Capital Costs
<u>Incremental 3rd Year Costs</u>	
\$ 368,790	Approved Incremental Costs
<u>Capital Investment Fund</u>	
\$ 315,255	Approved CIF